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**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): INTERCONNECTION OF USERS VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK,  
FOR COMPETITIVE GAMING

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- ☒ 29 pages of Specification/Claims 1-56/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-2; 2 sheets) are attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to -- is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 0029734.1 filed December 6, 2000 in Great Britain, and foreign application No. 0121712.4 filed September 7, 2001, in Great Britain is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	56 - 20	= 36
INDEP CLAIMS	3 - 3	= 0
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**SMALL ENTITY**

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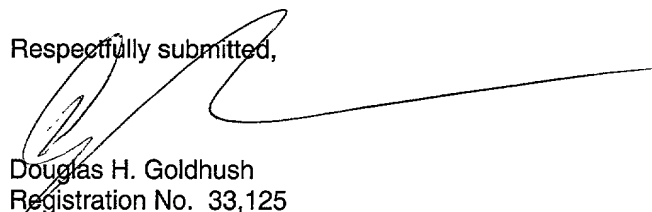
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**LARGE ENTITY**

RATE	FEE
	\$ 740
x 18	\$ 648
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+280	
TOTAL	\$ 1,388

- ☒ A check for the filing fee is not enclosed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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